GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, following the decision to allow private airlines to fly from India to foreign destinations, the Government has signed/negotiated open skies agreements with different countries;

(b) if so, with which countries such agreements have been negotiated/signed; and

(c) the details of the agreements indicating the bilateral/multilateral obligations arising therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b): India has so far entered into open skies agreement only with United States of America. Consultations with US Government on a revised agreement were in process much before the Government decided to allow private airlines to operate on foreign routes.

(c) : This agreement provides the legal framework for operation of air services between India and USA. As per the agreement, both countries can designate any number of airlines for operation of any number of services to any point in the territory of the other country with full intermediate and beyond rights. The bilateral obligations as well as the rights accrue equally to both the contracting parties. There are no multilateral obligations arising out of the agreement.